Development of Gopalpur Port

806. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Miniter of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the State Government of Orissa propose to develop Gopalpur Port through private developers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a feasibility study has been worked out for this project; and

(d) the details of help rendered by the Centre for execution of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Government of Orissa has informed that M/s RITES Ltd. has been appointed as the Consultant for evaluating proposals received from private developers. Further, the responsibility for the development of ports other than major ports lies with the State Government concerned which also have administrative control over such ports under the provisions of Indian Ports Act, 1908. The responsibility for the development of Gopalpur Port, which is a minor port in Orissa, lies with the Government of Orissa.

Length of motorways in States

807. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of moterways likely to be constructed in the financial year 2004-05 in different States under Prime Minister's Scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to select the roads on the basis of the requirement of State/region by completely relaxing the selection norms for the construction of the road under this scheme in hill States; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken for the purpose of making hill States take advantage of this scheme like other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c)

Government have not approved any scheme known as Prime Minister's scheme for construction of moterways.

However, it is presumed that the hon'ble M.P. is referring to Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana under which 4-laning of about 10,000 km. of National Highways were proposed to be taken up with public-private partnership. Since this scheme is proposed to be implemented by the National Highways Authority of India, this has been renamed as National Highways Development Project Phase-III which is still under proposal stage.

Conditions of Dubai Port International

808. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps were taken on conditions of Dubai Port International (DPI) in relation to the International Container Transhipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam;

(b) if so, the details including new conditions like payment of royalty and crane height and decision taken by the Board of Trustees of Port and final clearance given by the competent authority;

(c) whether steps were taken for shifting of Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal (RGCT) to Vallarpadam island;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not reason for the same;

(e) whether above issues would delay the project further; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to avoid such delay?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) While conveying the sanction of the Central Government to the proposal of the Cochin Port Trust (CoPT) for award of the contract for development and operation of International Container Transhipment Terminal (ICTT) in Cochin Port on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis to M/s Dubai Port International, Dubai, UAE (DPI) on the 9th